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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ENTICING A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for using the Internet to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity.

Mark R. Oxley, 35, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to five years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Oxley** to forfeit to the government a Gateway 2000 desktop computer tower, which was used to commit the offense.

On Nov. 22, 2004, **Oxley** pleaded guilty to using an Internet chat room between June 24 and July 19, 2004, to entice an individual under the age of 18 to engage in sexual activity for which a person could be charged with a criminal offense, that is, the felony of attempted statutory rape.

During the course of his online chats, **Oxley** contacted another user who had the screen name “Jennifer_from_kc,” who was actually an undercover Platte County, Mo., Sheriff’s Department Deputy. “Jennifer” identified herself as a 14-year-old female to **Oxley**. Early in the online conversation, **Oxley** directed the topic to sex and suggested meeting with “Jennifer.” He suggested that they take a car ride and get drunk together and engage in sexual activity. On July 14, 2004, **Oxley** again communicated with “Jennifer” and requested that she send him a picture of herself. The officer sent **Oxley** a computer-generated depiction of a 14-year-old girl (not an actual girl).

Oxley later proposed visiting “Jennifer” for sex and agreed to bring condoms for the encounter. The meeting was to take place on July 19, 2004, but when **Oxley** arrived at the apartment to meet “Jennifer,” he was arrested by Platte County deputies. Upon conducting a search of **Oxley**, the officers discovered two unopened condoms and lubricant in his possession.

Oxley was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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